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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM MESSAGE TO OAU SECRETARY

GENERAL ETEKI (S/S NO. 7600071)

FROM AMBASSADOR MULCAHY

1) AMBASSADOR HUMMEL RECOMMENDS AND WE AGREE, THAT A MESSAGE SHOULD BE SENT FROM YOU TO THE OAU SEC GEN ETEKI INFORMING HIM OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTERS TO AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND CONVEYING TO HIM OUR VIEWS ON THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM. A DRAFT MESSAGE TO THIS END FOLLOWS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY FOR OAU SEC GEN

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1) PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

TO OAU SECRETARY GENERAL ETEKI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

QTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS JUST SENT LETTERS TO MANY HEADS OF OAU MEMBER STATES CONVEYING TO THEM OUR VIEWS ON THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM. IN THESE LETTERS THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF US POLICY IN ANGOLA HAS BEEN TO COUNTER EFFORTS BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA TO IMPOSE A MINORITY FACTION AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. HE REITERATED THAT WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM RECOGNIZING ANY FACTION AS THE GOVERNMENT, HAVE OFTEN CALLED FOR AN END TO ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH SUCH AN ENDEAVOR.

PRESIDENT FORD STRESSED OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO RESIST THIS EXTENSION OF SOVIET POWER BUT ASSURED THE HEADS OF STATE THAT WE DO NOT SEEK THE DESTRUCTION OR THE DEFEAT OF THE MPLA, ONLY THE EMERGENCE OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL FACTIONS. HE STATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA WHEN SUCH A GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED.

ON SOUTH AFRICA, MR. FORD STATED THAT WE IN NO WAY SOUGHT OR ENCOURAGED THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANGOLA. WE HAVE NOT INITIATED ANY CONSULTATION WITH THEM AND OUR ARMS EMBARGO REMAINS IN EFFECT. THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT WE SHARE AFRICA'S CONCERN OVER THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE AND DESIRE IT TO END QUICKLY, JUST AS WE DESIRE THAT THE SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION CEASE. HE PROMISED WE WOULD USE ALL OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN THE CONTEXT OF A WITHDRAWAL OF ALL

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FOREIGN FORCES.

THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE OAU SUMMIT MEETING CAN PROMOTE AN EARLY END TO THE FIGHTING AND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CIVIL WAR. IN ADDITION, HE HOPED THE OAU WILL INSIST UPON A PROMPT END TO ALL FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT, ARRANGE A STANDSTILL CEASE FIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE THREE FACTIONS. HE PROMISED

THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT SUCH AN INITIATIVE AND COOPERATE WITH IT, PROVIDED OTHER DISTANT POWERS DO SO AS WELL.

I BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT'S LETTERS SET FORTH A REASON-ABLE POLICY THAT IS SUPPORTIVE OF THE OAU'S STATED OBJECTIVE OF ENDING THE FIGHTING AND ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ACHIEVING THESE COMMON GOALS AND I INVITE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW WE MAY HELP. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER.

2) APPROVE DISAPPROVE

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